



Arizona Department of Public Safety Tribal Consultation Policy

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PURPOSE

This policy establishes the basic principles governing the Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZDPS) relations with Tribal governments in the State of Arizona.

INTRODUCTION

There are 22 Tribal Governments within the State of Arizona with sovereignty over approximately 28% of the state's land mass. The State of Arizona recognizes and respects the unique sovereign government to sovereign government relationship between the State of Arizona and the Tribal Nations within the borders of the State of Arizona.

As a state level law enforcement agency, the mission of AZDPS is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, and providing vital support to the state of Arizona and its citizens.

The State of Arizona and Tribal Governments share mutually beneficial interests in cooperative relationships.

POLICY

It is the Arizona Department of Public Safety's policy to promote public safety by developing cooperative relationships with tribal governments. In carrying out this policy, the Department relies on mutual aid, intergovernmental agreements, and memorandums of understanding.

Issues such as jurisdiction and judicial authority cross political boundaries and require individual agreements customized for each sovereign entity. The costs of the services provided by the Department for the exclusive benefit of all residents under the sovereignty concept are recovered through direct charges or resources shared in multi-jurisdictional task forces.

The various agreements between the State and tribal governments are the basis for the Department's relations with the tribal communicates and govern procedural issues, activities, and services provided under the Department's statutory mandate.